



St Sebastian Catholic Church



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801 Broad Avenue · Belle Vernon, PA 15012

November 12, 2023

Mass Schedule

Saturday
4:30 PM
Sunday
9:00 AM
11:00 AM

Tuesday, 8:00 AM
Friday, 8:00 AM

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Baptism Preparation

Third Wednesday of every month. Please call the Faith Formation Office, 724-929-9300.

Religious Education/Formation

Please call the Faith Formation Office, 724-929-9300.

(RCIA) Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, please call the Faith Formation Office.

Reconciliation

Confessions are on Saturday: Epiphany—11:30 a.m. and St. Sebastian—3:30 p.m.. You may also call at any time for an appointment for confession



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Lord, Lord, open the door for us!" But he said in reply, "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you." - Mt 25:11-12

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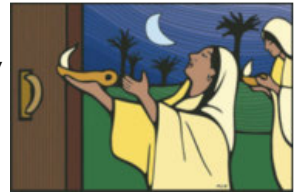
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From the Pastor—People of Wisdom

What a comfort it is to sit down and think about the Wisdom literature and see how it applies to our lives today. These ancient writings speak to our hearts about how we should relate to one another. One of the most noticeable aspects about this literature is that it includes all people, making us all responsible to one another with no separations or divisions. Our liturgy today presents us with an excerpt from the Book of Wisdom telling us what a precious gift wisdom is, and how it can influence our lives in ways that can bring us peace.



Did you ever meet a person who you thought was genuinely wise, and if so, what was it about them that made you think they were wise? I have always heard that age brings wisdom and I do believe there is truth to that. When we are young we think that we can do absolutely everything, driving ourselves crazy trying to meet everyone's expectations. As we get older we learn to let go and know what is important and what is not. This is the wisdom that comes with life.

Jesus gives us a parable reminding us how important wisdom can be when we look at life in relation to the end. To be wise is to be prepared, ready for the unexpected. This doesn't mean that we need to be prepared for anything that might pop up in life; it means that we should have the wisdom to be able to handle any unexpected events. We are given the example of ten bridesmaids waiting for the return of the bride groom. While half of them were wise in being prepared for the unexpected delay, the other half simply were not ready when he came.

Although Jesus is referring to the end of times, we can certainly learn from this parable about being ready and prepared in life. There are so many things that we keep putting off in life. Waiting for more time and more money, or just waiting until we feel the time is right before we act. With all of our great planning, isn't it amazing how often we have been surprised and caught off guard by not being prepared!

Once again I think that Jesus is telling us not to sweat the small stuff. We need to focus our attentions onto what really matters and is important in life. Sometimes it is harder to let go of the little things than it is to be attentive to the important matters of life. This week we are all being challenged to become wise people, to look at our lives and be able to ascertain what is important and what isn't. If we all are able to focus on the things that really matter in life, maybe life would be a lot simpler and certainly more peaceful. To be prepared is to be at peace with where we are in life and what we have in life, so that when the bride groom does come we will not be surprised.

Stewardship of Treasure—November 5, 2023

Regular Offertory:	\$	7,215.00
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$	45.00
Votives:	\$	74.00
All Saints:	\$	1,449.00
All Souls:	\$	594.00
Catholic Accent:	\$	71.00
Poverty Relief:	\$	55.00
Retired Priests/Religious:	\$	918.00
Thanksgiving:	\$	140.00
Cap. Project/Roof Fund:	\$	269.00
World Mission Sunday:	\$	30.00

Total Nov. 4/5

\$ 10,860.00

Mon Valley Catholic Class of 1963, 60th Reunion

The MVC class of '63 is celebrating their 60th Class Reunion on December 2, 2023. If you or someone you know is part of that graduating class and are interested in attending, please contact Tom Rodriguez ASAP or by November 16 at the latest. email: tjrodriguez1338@yahoo.com or you may Text or Call: 724-984-6736



Annual Report

By now you should have received in the mail a copy of our annual report for this year. I hope that you found the information helpful. If you did not get a copy, please let us know by calling the office.

Christmas Fruit Baskets

Christmas is just around the corner. Are you looking for a gift for that person who has everything or just yourself? We will once again be selling fruit boxes for Christmas (as before they will be from DeCarlos Market in Elizabeth). The cost is \$25 per box. The **deadline** to order is **December 10**. **Pick up dates are Friday, December 22, 3—5 pm or Saturday, December 23, Noon—2 pm in the Church Hall**. Please complete the order form and drop in the collection or return to the Parish Office with your payment.

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COUNTRY CHRISTMAS ON BROAD

Last Monday evening we had a meeting about our Country Christmas scheduled for December 17th. We had a wonderful turnout and there was much enthusiasm about the event. We will need some things from you our parishioners to make this a success. Wanted to catch you as you are probably cleaning your yards...we will need pine cones...if you have any could you please drop them off at the parish office! I will have more information in the coming weeks as to how you can help!



CRS and DPRF collection...

Catholic Relief Services is the authorized international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. It is the official overseas relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and a member of Caritas International. Catholic Relief Services helps to support the Holy Father's Relief Fund; the USCCB's Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development; and the USCCB's Committee on International Justice and Peace. In the Diocese of Greensburg, the CRS collection is always paired with our own diocesan collection, the Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund, (DPRF) which has replaced the former Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection (CCHD). This collection was established to enable the Diocese to add to its already impressive material assistance efforts for people in need in the communities of the diocese's four counties. As we give thanks for all that God shares with us, won't you consider contributing both the CRS and DPRF activities by supporting this single collection next week?

Shoe Box Project

Mary Smereczniak and all the helpers from St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone who donated for the "shoe-box" project this year. Because of your generosity they were able to pack and ship 200 boxes! This will certainly make many peoples Christmas a lot brighter. Thank you to all who donated or helped!



Baptism Congratulations—To Gracie Lee

Greguric, daughter of Alexander and Genna (Barberio) Greguric and to **Benjamin Dean Congelio**, son of Dante Congelio and Amanda Caruso, who were baptized in Christ last Sunday. We welcome Gracie and Benjamin into the Church and into our parish family. God bless them and their families.

Little Things for Little People is looking for some new toys for our Santa to give out. We have some left over from last year but need mostly 1 year and under toys, that will work for either girl or boy. We are also looking for some toys for little boys age 2-4. There are enough girl toys at this time for the older girls. If you have a toy donation please call Laura at 724-797-3959.

Inadvertently the Intention for last Saturday's 4:30 pm Mass was printed incorrectly. The correct Mass intention will be scheduled on another date.

Liturgies of the Week

November 11—Vigil

4:30 pm (Date of Birth) Sonny Forgas—Daughter, Lisa & Family

November 12—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (Death Anniv) Ronald Edwards—Marlene Spitznagel

11:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

Monday, November 13

8:00 am Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Tuesday, November 14

8:00 am (Date of Birth) Linda Rodriguez—Donna Atkinson

Wednesday, November 15

No Mass Today

Thursday, November 16

8:00 am Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Friday, November 17

8:00 am (Date of Birth) Marge Marek—Linda Drury

Saturday, November 18—Vigil

3:30 pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

4:30 pm (Date of Birth) Sarah Bednarczyk—Children

November 19—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

11:00 am (Death Anniv) Michael McGinley—Pete & Karen Vesely

THE ROSARY IS PRAYED SUNDAYS AT 8:30 AM, PRIOR TO THE 9:00 AM MASS. PLEASE JOIN US!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—November 18/19

	Lectors	Lit. Coord/EM	Servers
4:30 pm	C. Gorski	S. Wawro	R. Buretz
9:00 am	E. Bagay	B. Mallonee	C. Frank
11:00 am	A. Hoffman	R. Hoffman	Volunteer Needed

Readings for the week of November 12, 2023

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



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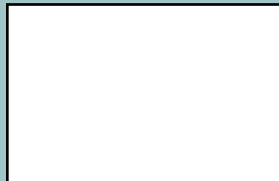
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